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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT MALLOUM APPEALS TO AMBASSADORS FOR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE; WELCOMES PRIVATE INVESTMENT.

1. ALL RESIDENT CHIEFS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS WERE SUMMONED TO PRESIDENTIAL RESIDENCE JULY 27 FOR INFORMAL MEETING WITH PRESIDENT. PRESIDENT, FLANKED BY ALL MEMBERS SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL AND CABINET, MADE FORMAL BUT BRIEF PLEA FOR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR CHAD WHICH HE NOTED WAS CLASSED AMONG THE 25 NATIONS OF THE FOURTH WORLD.

2. PRESIDENT ALLEGED THAT SOME NATIONS APPARENTLY HAVE FOLLOWED POLICY OF WAITING TO DETERMINE WHAT CHADIAN MILITARY GOVERNMENT WOULD BE LIKE. PRESIDENT NOTED GOC NOW OVER YEAR OLD, ITS POLICIES CAREFULLY SPELLED OUT AND SUMMARIZED IN TERMS "NON-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALLIGNED," AND "TOUS AZIMUTS." NOTING INTERDEPENDENCE OF

STATES, YRESIDENT MALLOUM APPEALED TO ASSEMBLED ENVOYS THAT THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS SHOULD FOLLOW POLICY WHICH IS "MORE OPEN, MORE ACTIVE, MORE DYNAMIC," AND WHICH WILL MAKE REAL CONTRIBUTION TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF CHAD.

3. PRESIDENT IN CONCLUSION REQUESTED ENVOYS TO MAKE KNOWN TO THE PRIVATE ECONOMIC SECTOR OF THEIR COUNTRIES THE POSSIBILITIES OF CHAD IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO INVEST IN CHAD. PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED THAT NEW INVESTMENT CODE BEING PREPARED WHICH, "WHILE TAKING INTO ACCOUNT CHADIAN INTERESTS, WILL OFFER SUFFICIENT GUARANTEES TO FOREIGN CAPITAL."

4. SPEECH FOLLOWED BY RECEPTION. SAME EVENING, FOREIGN MINISTER KAMOUGUE GAVE ELABORATE DINNER FOR CHIEFS OF MISSION AND SENIOR OFFICIALS OF MINISTRY, APPARENTLY AS INDICATION GOV DESIRE CLOSER COOPERATION WITH DIPLOMATIC CORPS.

5. COMMENT: WHILE A FEW AMBASSADORS FOUND IT SOMEWHAT INCONGRUOUS THAT PRESIDENT SHOULD FOLLOW PLEA FOR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR POVERTY - STRICKEN CHAD WITH FRENCHOLCHAMPAGNE AND CAVIAR, PRESIDENT'S APPEAL WAS DIGNIFIED AND SIMPLE. DWYER

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